



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Application of: **AKIRA KIBASHI, et**

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Examiner: **GAUTAM PATEL**

For: **RECORDING AND PLAYING  
BACK DEVICE, STORAGE DEVICE,  
COMPUTER DEVICE, DATA  
PROCESSING METHOD, AND  
PROGRAM SENDING DEVICE**

Art Unit: **2627**

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

MAIL STOP: RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

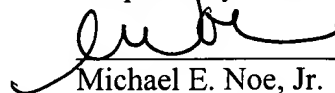
In response to the Final Office Action dated March 27, 2006, transmitted herewith for filing are the following documents:

- Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (in duplicate);
- Amendment Preliminary Amendment in Response to the Final Office Action dated March 27, 2006, with Certificate of Express Mail (EQ 343861734 US); and
- Postcard, which we would appreciate you date stamping and returning to us upon receipt.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$790.00, the fee for an R.C.E. and any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Hitachi Global Storage Technologies' Deposit Account No. 50-2587 (Attorney Docket No. JP920000200US1).

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